

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims replaces and supersedes all previous listings of claims.

1.- (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selectively shrinking a film wrapped around a product-(P), that comprises a frame-(9), a driven conveyor-(1), mounted on said frame-(9), on which a plurality of products-(P) are sequentially transported, a heat source-(5) disposed underneath the conveyor-(1) and which generates a hot fluid, and a plurality of nozzles-(5-1) oriented towards the bottom of said conveyor-(1), with the hot fluid being conveyed to said nozzles-(5-1), wherein the heat source-(5) and the nozzles-(5-1) are fixed, and the apparatus also comprises closing means through which the hot fluid is allowed to pass to the front and rear ends of each product-(P) only.

2.- (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the closing means comprise moving means-(5-2) on each of the nozzles-(5-1), said moving means-(5-2) pivoting to enable or prevent the passage of hot fluid in relation to an axis-(5-5) parallel to the plane of the conveyor-(1).

3.- (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the moving means (5-2) comprise a conduit-(5-4) that is aligned with the outlet conduit on each nozzle-(5-1) to allow the passage of hot fluid.

4.- (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said apparatus further comprises for each nozzle-(5-1), an arm-(5-3) connected to the moving means-(5-2), said arms (5-3) moving the corresponding moving means-(5-2) in relation to the axis-(5-5).

5.- (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the closing means comprise a plurality of shutters-(10) disposed transversely on the conveyor-(1), and means-(10-1) for selectively removing said shutters-(10) from the conveyor-(1) to allow the passage of hot fluid from the nozzles-(5-1) to the front and rear transverse ends of each product-(P).

6.- (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the closing means

comprise a plate-(11) between the heat source-(5) and the nozzles-(5-1), the plate-(11) being able to move transversely in relation to the heat source-(5) and the nozzles-(5-1), and said plate-(11) comprising at least one orifice-(12), so that the passage of the hot fluid is enabled aligning the orifice-(12) selectively with each nozzle-(5-1).